abduction etc. during the period from 1.5.98 to 30.6.98.

(b) to (d) The proxy war unleashed by Pakistan and its agencies in J&K is an ongoing war of attrition with the militants adopting diverse and ever changing strategies and taking advantage of the difficult terrain. Hence the achievement of spectacular results takes time . However, stragegies to pre-emt and counter the threat of militancy are monitored, reviewed and re-oriented as per the threat perceptions from time to time.

Anti-Isurgency Plan for J&K

3871. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of anti-insurgernсy plans finalised by Government to tackle terrorist activities in Jammu & Kashmir.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): With a view to tackling the militancy problem sponsored from across the border in Jammu & Kashmir, the Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes inter-alia strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of militants by proactive action against them in hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, galvanising development programmes and deepening the democratic process etc.

Looting by extremists on NH-39 and 53

3872. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that bus services and lorry traffic through the NH-39 and 53 has become impossible due to the attacks and looting carried on by the extremist groups; and

(b) what steps have been taken to give adequate protection to traffic especially to bus services and lorry services through National Highways No. 39 and 53 which are the life lines of Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Government is aware of the problems being encountered in flow of traffic on NH-39 and NH-53 in Manipur due to activities of various extremist groups.

(b) Government of Manipur has been advised to ensure that the movement of traffic on the National Highways is not disrupted. Whenever necessary, the movement of vehicles on these National Highways is done under escort. Army and Central Para Military Forces provide necessary assistance in this regard.

Ethnic Clashes in Manipur

3873. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people died due to ethnic clashes in between Zoanis and Kukis in Chandrachur district of Manipur;

(b) the number of families have fled away from the area; and

(c) whether the Central Government had taken any steps to asist the Manipur Government to bring back these people who fled away and to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per figures furnished by the Government of Manipur, 267 persons lost their lives in the period 24.6.97 to 14.7.98 due to ethnic clashes between Kukis and Paites in Churachandpur district of Manipur.

(b) It is estimated that around 13,000 people were displaced in the ethnic conflict. It is reported that almost all the displaced persons have since returned to their respective villages.